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SUBJECT: VISIT BY HAC STAFF RE ADB AND IBRD PROJECTS

PASS TREASURY FOR BRADFORD/SHERK

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1. WE HAVE SOME FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE GOP ATTITUDE TOWARD THE VISIT OF THE HAC STAFF. DURING A CALL BY EM-BASSY AND USADB OFFICERS ON JUNE 23, NEDA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL ANTONIO LOCSIN SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THE VISIT WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE VIRATA. LOCSIN SAID THAT IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE VISIT WILL NOT HAVE "OFFICIAL" STATUS, AND WILL BE CONSIDERED "UNOFFICIAL". HIS EXPLANATION WAS THAT THE GOP DOES NOT WISH TO BE IN THE POSITION OF ACCEPTING REQUESTS FOR SUCH VISITS BY "EVERY TOM, DICK AND HARRY" -- THAT IS, BY ANY ONE OF THE BANKS' MEMBERS.

2. ASKED WHETHER THIS WOULD HAVE ANY PRACTICAL EFFECT ON THE VISIT, LOCSIN SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT. HE ASSURED US THAT TEAM MEMBERS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE PROJECTS AND TO KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIALS. EXECUTING AGENCIES WITH
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WHICH WE ARE IN CONTACT ARE IN FACT COOPERATIVE.

3. COMMENT: LOCSIN'S EXPLANATION IS DIFFICULT TO CREDIT. IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT VIRATA AND OTHERS SYMPATHIZE WITH THE MEXICO/COLOMBIA POSITION, AND WANT TO MAINTAIN SOME FORM OF PRINCIPLED STAND WITHOUT GOING SO FAR AS TO OFFEND US. WHILE GOP OFFICIALS AT WORKING LEVEL CONTINUE TO BE

COOPERATIVE, IT DOES SEEM CLEAR THAT SOME IN THE GOP DO
NOT WELCOME THIS EXAMINATION OF BANKS' OPERATIONS. END
COMMENT. MURPHY

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